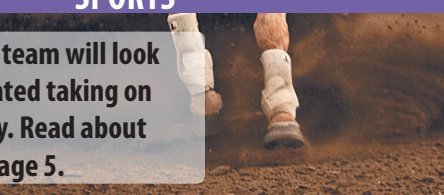


SPORTS

The Equestrian team will look to stay undefeated taking on Baylor Saturday. Read about the match on Page 5.




OPINION

Is science going to bring the end of the world? Hollywood tends to make us think so. Turn to Page 4 for an editorial about pop culture's view of science.

THE EDGE

Do you want to get out of the country? Check out a story about studying abroad on Page 6.



Opening night



Diwata, played by **Erica Elaine Smith**, is a passionate, blogging teen in the musical “Speech and Debate.” She broke out into song while playing her Casio keyboard, and accompanied by **Kyle Myers** as Solomon (right), and **Chris Auten** as Howie (left).

‘Speech and Debate’ premieres in Nichols

By Tim Schrag
KANSAS STATE COLLEGIAN

Acceptance was the message behind the first K-State Theatre Department production of the year, “Speech and Debate,” which opened last night in Nichols Theatre.

Dwight Tolar, director for “Speech and Debate” and acting instructor, said the performance centers around three high school students.

“It deals with three students who are outsiders in their high school who have been brought together by an occurrence – a rather negative one – with a drama teacher, and their discovery of this incident. With one another they decide to form a speech and debate team to try and out him in front of the school board,” Tolar said. “And through the process of forming a speech and debate team, they learn that their friendship and accepting themselves, as well as others, is more important than the revenge they’re looking for.”

Tolar said the cast of four students has been rehearsing for roughly six weeks and has used several different rehearsal techniques. He said the show also deals with prejudice against homosexuality, hypocrisy, especially of politicians and abortion.

“It deals with these different topics that we never want [kids] to talk about or hear about, but they’re living and acknowledging the fact that that’s going on,” Tolar said. “And that they may not be an adult but they still are still living and they need to talk it.”

The three misfits who work through

their issues as they form the speech and debate team are Solomon, Diwata and Howie. Erica Smith, who played Diwata and is a senior in theater performance, said the importance of this show is being yourself.

“Being in high school, being a teenager, even as adults, it’s really hard not only to be yourself, but to break through barriers from what other people think of you and what other people think you should be,” Smith said.

She also said her favorite memory of the production came from a wardrobe malfunction during a rehearsal that landed her smack down on the floor.

Kyle Meyers, sophomore in theater who played the character Solomon, said he learned more about acceptance through playing his part.

“Not to say that he goes through the biggest change in the show necessarily, but from a literal standpoint, he goes from the beginning in the play: he’s closeted, really rejecting who he really is because of his parents,” Myers said. “And because of his upbringing he isn’t allowed to be gay.”

“He isn’t allowed to be who he is, and so through the course of the show it kind of shows the theme of the show: you need to be who you are and you should be allowed to be who you are, and it’s really evident in him.”

Many members of the audience chuckled during the musical interludes but found meaning in the message of the play.

“It really makes you think about people who aren’t like you and what they

might be experiencing in college,” said Anna Govert, freshman in open option. “It makes you think about how different people have to deal with things in college, and everyone has something going on their lives and everyone has to work through their own issues.”

Govert attended the production with her fellow members of Quest Freshman Honorary. Paul Mintner, senior in political science and pre-law and Quest co-coordinator, said the group had been planning on attending the production for about three months.

“The special thing about Nichols is that no matter where you sit you see something different,” Mintner said. “It’s important for freshmen to come see this because there are so many different sides of the university that really get to what K-State’s really all about, and I think sometimes people miss the arts; for the freshmen to get a chance to see the artistic side of the university is really important.”

The production will show again tonight at 7:30 in Nichols Theatre. It will also be shown Saturday and Oct. 21-24 at 7:30 p.m. in Nichols Theatre.

Tickets can be purchased at the McCa-in Auditorium box office weekdays from 11 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., and also at the K-State Student Union’s Little Theatre box office Tuesday through Friday from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Tickets are \$8 for students, \$11 for military and \$13 for the general public.

The theater department recommends the production for mature audiences only.

SGA

Senators vote on changes

By Danny Davis
KANSAS STATE COLLEGIAN

The Student Governing Association was unable to pass two critical bills during Thursday’s meeting. First, they voted on an amendment to the K-State SGA statutes, followed by the ever-popular bylaws revisions.

“The statutes are really the meat of how the elections are formatted,” said Joe Norris, senator in pre-law and civil engineering. According to Norris, who is a member of the committee that wrote the bills, the goal for the bill was to expedite the appeal process.

Currently, an elections commissioner oversees the elections, above him an elections review committee, and further yet, a student tribunal. Appeals may even be elevated to President Kirk Schulz.

In the new system, however, the Elections Review Committee will be removed from the process. The elections commissioner will receive more power in place of the committee.

“I believe it invests too much power in a single person,” said Andrew Huschka, senator in industrial engineering. “[This bill] will be violating students rights to a fair hearing.”

Alternatively, Huschka suggested adding a judge in place of the committee to work independently with the commissioner. The commissioner, finding violations, would report them to the judge who would issue punishments and penalties.

The position of elections commissioner has been a central issue for the two bills. During the past SGA elections at the end of the spring semester this year, the elections commissioner resigned facing allegations of bias.

“Politics is an imperfect nature,” said Mark Savoy, senator in pre-law, sociology, and political science. He argued that adding a judge could potentially add bias to the process.

“If bias doesn’t matter, why does the Supreme Court have nine justices instead of one?” asked Doug Shane, senator in animal sciences.

Savoy was quick to return fire.

“I don’t know, you’d have to ask our Founding Fathers that.”

Another option Huschka mentioned was the possibility of reducing the Elections Review Committee to three people. Currently, the committee is composed of five people.

The process of recruiting five people to fill the committee chairs has been troublesome and time-consuming in the past, according to Luke Fangman, senator in civil engineering.

“We believe this is the bill that can fix these problems,” Fangman said, referring to the current 10-day appeal process. Under the new system, appeals would last a maximum of four and a half days.

The second bill that was voted on revised the SGA bylaws. Like the previous bill, the bylaws bill was aimed at removing all remnants of the Elections Review Committee from the senate’s governing documents.

However, the Senate Operations Committee, in revising the bylaws, left a key detail out of the bill. There was no provision allowing for the

K-State Proud starts year-long campaign

By Michelle Thomas
KANSAS STATE COLLEGIAN

K-State Proud will be hosting its first volleyball game Saturday as an awareness event to kick off this year’s campaign.

Ryan Wilkerson, junior in accounting and finance and vice-president within Student Foundation, said the biggest change this year to the K-State Proud campaign is to not just limit the campaign to the week before the KU vs. K-State basketball game, but to open it up to events throughout the year.

“This volleyball game is the first of more of a yearlong campaign to get the word out sooner rather than later,” said Reed Pankratz, junior in public relations and co-chair of K-State Proud.

K-State Proud is an all-university philanthropy based on the motto “students helping students.”

K-State Proud began in 2007

as a way to educate students about the importance of giving back to their university and the value of becoming tomorrow’s philanthropists.

“As K-State Proud gains more recognition and the tradition of K-State Proud campaign grows, we want to make the campaign longer than just a week in the spring,” said Anna Zeiger, junior in pre-medicine and nutritional sciences and co-chair of K-State Proud.

In its first two years, the campaign raised more than \$150,000. The money raised directly benefits K-State students in the form of Student Opportunity Awards and K-State Hero Awards.

Student Opportunity Awards are given out year-round and go to students in financial need, while five K-State Hero Awards of about \$500 are given each semester to someone who goes above and beyond for the university.

“Student Opportunity Awards,



COLLEGIAN FILE PHOTO

or Proud Awards, go to students who need a bit of financial help,” Pankratz said. “Hopefully the money they receive from us will keep them on campus.”

Robert Swift, senior in political

science and a K-State Proud co-chair, said the Proud Awards truly help students who have exhausted all other financial resources to

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Today's Cryptquip Clue: H equals E

STREET TALK

Check out The Edge on Page 6 for a story about studying abroad.

Q: Where would you like to study abroad?



Jahi Marks
Senior, fine arts in photography



Kaela McWherter
Senior, secondary education, English



Levi Wall
Junior, architecture



Brittany Lee
Senior, public health and nutrition

“ Japan, because it looks cool on TV. I like the style of the people and all the technology over there. ”

“ France, because I love the culture and took a couple years of French in high school. ”

“ Italy, because I'm in architecture and it has a lot of great architecture, and great food too. ”

“ Australia, because it's warm there, and there is the beach. With the weather in Kansas right now, it would be good to get away. ”

THE PLANNER

CAMPUS BULLETIN BOARD

Stop by the Women's Center kiosk in the K-State Student Union today and write thank-you letters to the troops for the Thanksgiving season. Supplies will be provided.

The Union Program Council is bringing the "Most Trusted Stranger in America," PostSecret.com's Frank Warren, at 7 p.m. Oct. 26 to the K-State Student Union Grand Ballroom. Everyone is invited to anonymously contribute a secret to a campus-wide art project. Postcards will be available at Counseling Services and the UPC office or from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. today at a booth in the K-State Student Union Food Court. Submitted postcards will be on display in the Union on Oct. 26.

The Konza Prairie Quilters Guild is presenting the "THINK PINK" Quilt Show from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday throughout October at the Johnson Center for Basic Cancer Research, Chalmers 001. For the event, which is in observance of National Breast Cancer Awareness Month, enter through the courtyard on 17th Street.

The Graduate School announces the final oral defense of the doctoral dissertation of George W. Griffith at 1:30 p.m. today in Bluemont 368. The thesis topic is "The Initial Impact of No Child Left Behind with a Focus on Time for Elementary Science and Equity in Science, Math and Reading."

Vandana Shiva, environmental activist, will give a lecture at 7 p.m. today in McCain Auditorium titled "Soil Not Oil: Food Security in Times of Climate Change." The lecture is sponsored by the Women's Studies Program and is free and open to the public.

The final High Ropes Challenge for this semester is from 2-6 p.m. on Sunday at the K-State Challenge Course. Sign up in the administrative office at Peters Recreation Complex in person or by calling 785-532-6980. The cost is \$10 for students, \$12 for faculty/staff or student spouse, \$15 for faculty/staff spouse or family member and \$18 for the general public. Sign up by 1 p.m. on Saturday.

The Graduate School announces the final oral defense of the doctoral dissertation of Katrina Lunden at 9 a.m. Tuesday in Bluemont 257. The thesis topic is "Exploring a Secondary Urban ESL Program: Addressing the Social, Affective, Linguistic and Academic Needs of English Language Learners."

Rec Services is offering Kat Kravings, a four-week program involving both nutrition and fitness, beginning Wednesday. Participants will be matched with a personal trainer and receive nutritional assessment and recommendations. Cost is \$40 for students and \$60 for Peters Recreation Complex members. Sign up in the administrative office. For more information, call 785-532-6980.

Entries are being accepted for cross country and bowling in the administrative office at Peters Recreation Complex. The cross country meet will be at 2 p.m. Oct. 25. Choose Nov. 1 or 8 for bowling. Sign up in the administrative office before 5 p.m. Thursday. For more information, call 785-532-6980.

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CORRECTIONS AND CLARIFICATIONS

There was an error in the Oct. 13 issue of the Collegian. The number of Fort Riley service members who have died serving in both Operations Iraqi and Enduring Freedom is 167.

There was also an error in the Oct. 15 issue of the Collegian. James Ragan Jr. died on Tuesday. The Collegian regrets the errors. If you see something that should be corrected or clarified, call news editor Sarah Rajewski at 785-532-6556 or e-mail news@spub.ksu.edu.

DAILY BLOTTER

To view the daily arrest report from the Riley County Police Department, go to the Collegian Web site, kstatecollegian.com.

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QUESTION OF THE DAY

For an editorial about the evils of science in Hollywood movies read Page 4.


Science is... A) Going to destroy us all B) The natural explanation of things
C) A conspiracy D) Only for nerds

To submit your answer, visit kstatecollegian.com. Results for the question of the day will be posted in the following issue of the Collegian.

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John Balsters, senior in construction science and management, calculates the elevation of two points for a 10-minute quiz in his civil engineering survey lab.

Tommy Theis | COLLEGIAN

Driver safety important in winter

By Rachel Urban
KANSAS STATE COLLEGIAN

A Fort Riley safety officer warned K-State students of the treacherous conditions of Kansas roads in winter months during his presentation on campus last Wednesday.

James Hill, safety officer for the Public Works Environmental Division at Fort Riley, spoke of the dangers of icy roads and gave students advice on how to prepare for and prevent accidents.

“You have got to know your car,” Hill said. “That’s the best advice I have: Know your car.”

Hill also encouraged students to know whether their vehicles are front-wheel drive or rear-wheel drive and how quickly their cars can brake.

Sarah Waugh, sophomore in biology, said she agrees that knowledge about a car is important.

“When I got my car, I wasn’t very good at driving in the snow at first,” Waugh said. “Over time, though, I got used to the car.”

Preparation is also important. Hill said October is the key month to start preparing for the dangers of icy roads.

“It’s getting colder outside,” he said. “Kansas can be very treacherous in the month of October. It’s the transition month.”

Kansas Highway 18, which runs between Manhattan and Ogden, has the potential to be especially dangerous this winter.

According to a Sept. 18 news release from the Kansas Department of Transportation, K-18 is one of the fastest growing corridors in Kansas. The KDOT release said K-18 experienced a 24 percent increase in traffic from 2000-2008.

The increased number of cars is causing an increased number of accidents, according to Sgt. Luke

Breault of the Riley County Police Department. In an article on the television station KTKA’s Web site, Breault was quoted saying that per capita, K-18 “probably has more accidents than anywhere else in this area.”

Hill has experienced the traffic on K-18 first hand. He lives in Manhattan and commutes to work at Fort Riley via the highway.

“K-18 in the morning between 6:30 and 8:30 - everybody is trying to get to work at Fort Riley and they’ll pass you by,” he said.

To prevent accidents this winter, Hill said students need to be prepared. He said drivers should check the working order of car parts such as windshield wipers and tires. He also suggested putting together a winter weather kit that includes items like blankets, a flashlight and an ice scraper.

Nick Moeder, sophomore in business administration, admitted he was unprepared for the winter weather ahead.

“I just have an ice scraper,” Moeder said. “No blanket. I don’t even have a spare tire.”

Moeder, who drives a 1999 GMC Sonoma, said he should prepare himself since his vehicle does not fare well in winter weather because it is light and has rear-wheel drive.

Hill said front-wheel drive is better than rear-wheel drive on winter roads, and four-wheel drive works well in snow but not on ice.

“A lot of people pass me with four-wheel drives,” Hill said. “But are four-wheel drives good on ice? No. They think they’re God’s gift to the road here with four-wheel drive, but they’ll slide off the road as soon as they hit black ice.”

To ensure safe driving in winter weather, Hill told students to remember three Ps: Prepare for the trip, protect yourself and prevent crashes on the road.

Education students run symposium

By Hannah Loftus
KANSAS STATE COLLEGIAN

The annual Education Symposium allowed students in elementary and secondary education to gain knowledge for teaching in their respective fields Thursday in the K-State Student Union.

The symposium, sponsored by the College of Education, is completely run and organized by students in the college, said Dixie Warders, an administrative officer for the college.

“We start organizing and planning this event in January so that students get the most out of each session that is here,” Warders said. “As a liaison for the symposium, it is my job to oversee the students and make sure they are doing their jobs and things get done.”

The committee members include Danielle Spellmeier, sophomore in pre-professional elementary education, Maria Baumgartner, junior in elementary education, and Ashley Schmitter, sophomore in elementary education.

Schmitter said her responsibilities as a committee member included finding presenters, arranging for food on the day of the symposium, booking rooms for the seminars, picking committee members and finding topics for people to come and speak.

A number of seminars were given in the upper floor of the Union all day Thursday. Seminars included topics such as “Heart to Heart, Hand in Hand,” “Jigsaw Puzzle – Teaching Standards” and “The Interview Process and Landing the

Job – Now What.”

Spellmeier said the “Heart to Heart, Hand in Hand” session featured guest speaker Jocelyn Dunmire, who has taught elementary school for 32 years. Dunmire shared an overview of successes and failures she has observed in building the parent/teacher relationships.

Spellmeier also said the “Jigsaw Puzzle – Teaching to the Standards” was a very interesting seminar to attend. It was presented by Ed Corman, who teaches English and history. He shared how to teach the most important things to students while dealing with the standards teachers are required to meet.

“The seminar which is also really influential is ‘The Interview Process and Landing a Job – Now What?’ because of the important tips that it gives for future employment,” Spellmeier said. “It was presented by Bill Ellis, who knows what schools are looking for in prospective teachers. Students learned interview tips and what to look for in contracts.”

However, the symposium covered many other topics in the field of education, including attending graduate school and identifying and helping low self-esteem students.

Warders said the symposium was a great way for students in the college to get outside of their regular classroom schedules and get some hands-on experience in the field of education.

“It really gives students something to do they don’t get to do in class,” Warders said. “It really is a good thing for all secondary and elementary education students to go to.”

POLICE REPORT

Debit card stolen from 72-year-old

By Tyler Sharp
KANSAS STATE COLLEGIAN

Linda Brotherson, 72, of 2245 Seaton Ave., reported charges on her stolen debit card, according to a report from the Riley County Police

Department.

The credit card usage occurred in Phoenix and has been occurring since Oct. 6, said Lt. Michael Quintanar of the RCPD.

Thus far, \$3,973 had been charged, Quintanar said.

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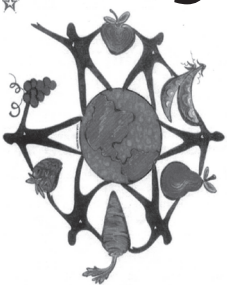
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Best of Forum

Hey, my friend has a junky printer. Have any solutions?

Ever seen “Office Space”?

Hey Fourum, seriously, you change the rules and start censoring comments and then all of a sudden there’s no Beth Mendenhall comments? Seriously, censorship.

Everything in the Fourum is heavily censored by a “death panel” of judges with no compassion for anyone but Beth Mendenhall.

The Ugg Game comments.

The Ugg Game: Fun for the whole floor!

Dear Fourum, was it a rule for police officers in the early 80s to have mustaches? I’m just wondering. Please respond.

Mustaches were required by law for all public servants in the early ‘80s. Thankfully, that law was repealed after the 1992 Los Angeles riots were started by allegedly mustached officers.

Hey Fourum, I just consecutively watched “The Proposal” three times in one night. Does that make me sad?

No, that makes you insane.

We should stop comparing Obama to Hitler. At least Hitler got the Olympics to come to Berlin.

But really, did Chicago even have a chance? Have you seen the swimsuits in Rio de Janeiro?

Yeah, Fourum, we need an FML part in the Fourum. It would basically be FMyLife. It would just in general be a lot better than the Fourum.

There’s a Web site for that.

I’m disappointed in Frank Martin because he voted for KU to finish first.

He must have inside information that Sherron Collins was able to stay away from the fast food this offseason.

Hollywood movies portray science in negative light

I was watching the previews for “Cloudy With a Chance of Meatballs” the other day, trying to decide if it was worth watching the movie even though the plot is different from the book, when I had a revelation. You see, in the book, it’s not explained why food falls from the sky; it just does. In the movie, it’s the result of a scientist’s attempt to solve world hunger.



KAREN INGRAM

The results are the same, people running for their lives as the food gets bigger and more dangerous, but the plot change made me realize something: Hollywood gives science a bad name.

Try to come up with a movie that involves science in a positive light. It’s mighty hard to do so. Just about every movie I could think of portrays science as something sinister or, at best, comedic. Whenever science is taken seriously in a movie, it’s because something terrible will come of it.

“Jurassic Park,” “28 Days Later,” “The Island,” and any movie with giant mutant animals, even children’s movies like “Wall-E” and “Cloudy With a Chance of Meatballs” – all show science going wrong. Whenever science is tossed in with comedy, it’s nearly always about some wacky, mad scientist on the loose, like the “Nutty Professor” or Steve Urkel in “Family Matters.”

Why is that? I can’t begin to imagine why science is such a bad thing in the minds of Hollywood filmmakers, but I suspect this is part of the reason why people in real life have a low opinion of it. Stem cell research, cloning, evolution theories, fossils; the list goes



Illustration by Erin Logan

on. While some people seem to dislike these and similar topics because they have a Bible of some sort obstructing their views, I think it goes beyond religious beliefs and into pop culture.

Movies and TV bombard people with the idea that science is bad – a subject best left for comedies and bad horror movies. It’s no wonder people think evolution is laughable when the only “research” they’ve done on the subject is to watch “Encino Man.”

And who do we have fighting the fight on the good side of science in films? Indiana Jones and Lara Croft don’t count because there is no real science in those movies. That leaves us with “Star Trek” ... uh ... Donatello from “Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles” ... and that’s about it. You know, stuff instantly branded as “geeky.” Whenever scientists do save the day in a movie or TV show, they are the awkward, unlikely characters who will never move beyond the title of “sidekick.” Right, Velma?

What science needs to get a boost in popularity is a couple of good movies that portray it in a positive light. Everybody wanted to be a “profiler” after “The Silence of the Lambs” came out, just like everybody wanted to buy a potter’s wheel after watching “Ghost.” Same principle. If you build a blockbuster out of it, people will come. A great movie with some good science would go a long way toward encouraging kids to dream about being astronauts again.

The world would be a more productive place if people had dreams of becoming chemists instead of rappers, or histologists instead of world champion “Halo” players. But in order to make science desirable, Hollywood needs to change its tune. After all, where would they be if the movie projector had never been invented?

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Columnist reveals today’s random thoughts

A day in the life of a physics and political science major creates some interesting thoughts. In the style of the great economist Thomas Sowell, I would like to provide you with a few curious ponderings of the day.



FRANK MALE

• Is there a way to avoid groupthink in industry? The whole point of industry recruiting is getting a bunch of like-minded people together to build things.

• Why does Bill Snyder get a free check? The man was a genius in the day, but his second-to-last season before retiring was worse than his second season. He’s got a long way to go to prove to the nation he’s the same Snyder who led us to 11 straight bowl games.

• Want to see a turnaround? Look no further than Denver where Josh McDaniels has posted a straight-up 5-0 record after the Broncos were shut out of the playoffs for three straight years.

• After nearly nine months, Obama’s only accomplishment is winning the Nobel Peace Prize. Even “Saturday Night Live” is making fun of him for it. How long will it take Obama to establish his credentials as the next Carter?

• You can’t please all the people all the time and nowhere is that clearer than in religion. Look at God: We have a campus group dedicated to his non-existence.

• This week a professor told me half of American marriages end in divorce. The reason: they marry for love. “Don’t get married because of love because two years later, that love will go away” he said. Call me crazy, but I still believe in a little thing called love.

• Advice: Enjoy the little things in life. You’ll miss them soon enough either way and having a few fond memories to reminisce over is a comfort when you’re feeling lonely and deserted.

• The Manhattan City Commission seems a little confused as to whether they should be legislating morality. First they rid us of cigarettes in establishments because it

might make other people sick from second-hand smoke, and then they decide Demon Rum should be sold seven days a week.

• Civility, if measured in the number of people tarred and feathered, has increased a remarkable amount since Mark Twain’s time.

• Look at what Rush Limbaugh did to talk radio; it was a dying enterprise before he revived it in spectacular fashion. It might have been even worse off than the Rams are. Don’t tell me he couldn’t help out St. Louis by buying up a franchise or two.

• There was a recent police incident where a man was arrested for dressing up like a ninja and swinging around nunchucks while ranting about wanting to beat up Sen. Joe Lieberman. The police responded, brandishing Tasers and bean bags. That’s right, bean bags. Even if they are launched out of shotguns, traditionally, they just don’t sound intimidating, especially when deployed against a ninja.

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Hey, if you need to drop a duece, stop by Cardwell. They’ve got two-ply.

We should stop comparing Obama to Hitler. At least Hitler got the Olympics to come to Berlin.

Hey, K-State: Why am I getting so many emergency alert text messages? It seems like it defeats the purpose.

To the guy in Moore 914: Your music and stomping is really annoying. Please stop.

Tim Hadachek is really ignorant and offensive. There, I said it.

I lost the game again. Have a nice day.

Dear copy center girl: Clever flirty remark. Sincerely, architecture boy.

Jessica Hensley, do you read the letters to the

editor? Yep, no education going on there.

1/2 cup tomato juice + 1 tablespoon vanilla extract + 5 Starbursts = the perfect hangover cure.

Go to 608 Boyd anytime between one and five this Saturday for free cookies.

To all the Ugg boot haters: Be thankful there are fashionable girls in the middle of nowhere.

Dear rich alumni: Please donate an elliptical to the Ford workout room; we could really use one. Thanks.

Hey Fourum, I feel like a terrorist because I bombed all my tests this week.

Whoever has the H3 outside of Anderson Hall with the license plate “Hybrid”: Nice.

Yeah, to the guys who invented the Ugg Game: I’d like to thank you for giving me something to do during class.

Yesterday, I scored 137 points in the Ugg Game.

If Columbus had not discovered America, Beth Mendenhall would not be here right now.

Yeah, Fourum, we need an FML part in the Fourum. It would basically be FMyLife. It would just in general be a lot better than the Fourum.

You always start when I’m about to talk to you.

Is this sad? It is Wednesday night and I found out another cheat to Farmville.

Your shifter is a suck-monkey.

Tyler, don’t make me spread my legs so awkwardly!

To the ROTC kid who lives down the street from the engineering building: Grow some hair.

Michael, I made out with your girlfriend the other day.

Ugg boot game rule addition: Five points for a mini-skirt.

To the girl at the Rec the other day in the Screw Mizzou shirt: Yeah, I was looking.

So, update on the brother status. I’m really worried. We just turned on “Pearl Harbor” and he said, “Josh Hartnett is really good-looking, isn’t he?”

To the girl wondering if there are intelligent men with a purpose at K-State: I’m reasonably intelligent, but my purpose is for Jesus, so I don’t know if that will float your proverbial boat.

If anyone found a keychain with a pink heart on it Friday night, I’d love to have it back.

Can you contract an STD from a kick in the face?

Okay, it’s noon and I already have 52 points. I love the Ugg boot game.

I’m disappointed in Frank Martin because he voted for KU to finish first.

Did Dean Bosco remind anyone else of the Fonzy?

Let it be known that Larry the Cable Guy lives at the AGR house.

K-State should do away with the Arts and Sciences Department and go back to being Kansas A&M.

Dear freshmen, you’re not in high school anymore. Stop wearing your letterman jackets. Bill Snyder, WTF?

That’s it, it’s official, the world is over. They made a Snuggie for your dog.

So, I almost crashed a Black Hawk helicopter into the smokestack today in ROTC training, but I still don’t understand why my friends call me “Kelso.”



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GUEST COLUMNIST

Statistics predict a toss up

As the Big 12 Conference football season continues, the Collegian will feature a weekly column by a writer from the opposing school's publication. This week's column is by T.D. Durham of Texas A&M's student newspaper, The Battalion.



T.D. DURHAM

Yet another pivotal week for the Texas A&M football team rears its ugly head.

This time, in the form of the 3-3 K-State Wildcats, the challenge is the Aggies' quest to prove themselves in Big 12 Conference play against an opponent that is beatable.

The Aggies and Wildcats have met 13 times on the field, dating back to 1912, and the Aggies lead the series 8-5. A&M has won five of the teams' last six meetings, but K-State defeated the Aggies in 2008 44-30 in College Station, Texas.

The Wildcats enter the match having won three games, two of them by a margin of four points or less. Statistically, K-State ranks 11th in the Big 12 in total offense per game with 357.3 yards per game.

However, the Wildcats could hit the Aggies hard with its rushing offense, which is ranked seventh in the Big 12. A&M has had trouble stopping the run and is ranked 10th in the conference in rushing defense.

Junior running back Daniel Thomas, who averages 96.8 rushing yards per game, will be a big factor if K-State can come out with a win.

The question for K-State is whether or not it can stop the passing game. In a 66-14 loss at the hands of Texas Tech, the Wildcats were thoroughly beaten in the secondary, allowing eight touchdown passes and a net total of 554 passing yards to the Red Raiders.

The Texas A&M offense, under the direction of junior quarterback Jerrod Johnson, ranks third in the nation in total offense, much of which is produced from the passing game.

With its arguably No. 1 receiver sophomore Jeff Fuller out with a cracked fibula, the A&M receiving corps has turned to a variety of options, one being freshman receiver Uzoma "EZ" Nwachukwu. EZ has stepped up in his first year as an Aggie and has caught a total of 16 passes for a team-high 309 yards. He also leads the team with four touchdown catches and average yards per catch, with 19.3.

Another true freshman on the scene for the Aggies is running back Christine Michael. Although he suffered a two-week leg injury after A&M's second game of the season, Michael leads Aggie running backs with an average 65.8 rushing yards per game, two touchdown runs and an average of 5.5 yards per rush this season. In his last start, against Oklahoma State, Michael had nine rushes for 30 yards and one touchdown.

However, the Aggies' freshmen prowess will be severely limited if the Texas A&M offensive line continues at its current pace. In A&M's first loss of the season, against Arkansas on Oct. 3, the offensive line allowed nine tackles for losses and two sacks. Against Oklahoma State last weekend, Johnson was sacked another four times. The offensive line will be a prospective weak spot in Texas A&M's armor come Saturday against the Wildcats.

Though the Aggies are predicted to win by Las Vegas betting lines, the boys from College Station will have to string together pass protection and a steady running game if they want to pull off a road win in the Big 12.

T.D. Durham is the sports editor for The Battalion at Texas A&M.

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Wildcat Weekend



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K-State volleyball players gather in a huddle around their home bench as the K-State cheerleaders take to the court to entertain the crowd.

Volleyball team to host KU Saturday

By Sam Nearhood
KANSAS STATE COLLEGIAN

This weekend, rival volleyball teams K-State (7-10, 1-6 Big 12 Conference) and Kansas (9-8, 2-6) will meet in Manhattan for Wildcat Weekend.

The Wildcats are fresh off their first conference win against Missouri. Head coach Suzie Fritz was ecstatic of the way her team played.

"I was really proud of the fact that we were down in both games three and four and just stayed in it, stayed patient, and waited for our opportunities," Fritz said. "We had some really nice serving runs where we kept some consistent pressure on

them. We were digging balls and winning long rallies."

KU suffered a disappointing loss to Texas Wednesday night, losing in three sets. Regardless, Fritz was optimistic that the match-up will be a crowd-pleaser.

"It'll be great," Fritz said. "Another opportunity to play at home. The hope is that the Wildcat fans will come out and support us Saturday afternoon."

K-State has won 26 of the last 28 meetings, leading the series 60-37-1. The Wildcats have lost only twice in the last 14 years of the Sunflower Showdown.

The Jayhawks will be playing junior outside hitter Karina Garlington, who has re-

corded 208 kills for a .218 attack percentage. Also anticipated is an appearance by senior middle blocker Paige Mazour, a strong front row player with 139 kills for .323, 46 total blocks and 14 aces. Defensively, junior libero/defensive specialist Melissa Manda – a Wichita native – has posted 252 digs and 10 aces with only 11 reception errors.

In the back row for K-State, junior libero Lauren Mathewson will lead with 259 digs and 14 aces, including four aces in the last match, alongside freshman defensive specialist Caitlyn Donahue, who scored a career-high 22 digs against Missouri. Up front, junior outside hitter JuliAnne Chisholm – 202 kills for .161 – and

senior middle blocker Kelsey Chipman – 171 kills for .358 with 73 blocks and 15 aces – will head the charge in search of another conference win.

When asked if her team could continue the success from Wednesday night, Donahue said that they were in high spirits, but still working hard in practice.

"Our team has set goals and things that we need to work on, so we're going to try to accomplish that in practice more," Donahue said. "Now that we know what it's like to win, I think that we want to feel that more often." This volleyball game will commence Wildcat Weekend Saturday at 1 p.m. in Ahearn Field House.

CROSS COUNTRY

Cats to meet tough competition in Indiana

By Danny Davis
KANSAS STATE COLLEGIAN

The cross country team will compete in the Pre-National Invitational at Terre Haute, Ind., on Saturday. The meet is expected to be some of the strongest competition the team has seen this season.

"It will be a pretty good meet," coach Michael Smith said. "We're going against some of the better teams in the country."

The women's team has been split into two divisions for this weekend's race. Each division features 13 ranked teams. K-State is not currently ranked.

The Wildcat women will be running in a 6-kilometer race for the first time this year. The race this weekend should help prepare the team for running the distance at conference and regional meets, Smith said.

"To be realistic, ours focus is on getting better at racing the entire race distance," he said.

On the men's side, they will be competing in an open race, allowing the team to focus on improving its skill level and building from its current experience.

Smith said the men's team is waiting to put together a full lineup until a conference meet.

EQUESTRIAN

K-State looks to remain undefeated in home match

By Tyler Scott
KANSAS STATE COLLEGIAN

The No. 7 K-State equestrian team will host their second match this weekend in a battle of top-10 programs when Big 12 foe, No. 2 Baylor, comes to Manhattan. The Wildcats will look to continue their winning streak after a season opening victory against Texas Christian.

Baylor also sits undefeated at 2-0 after defeating Texas Christian and Miami University of Ohio.

Head coach Casie Lisabeth said the team will need to be ready for stiffer competition this weekend.

"We need to come out stronger than last week's match," Lisabeth said. "The girls will have to be more aggressive and penalty free."

The team will want to have a strong

performance from their veteran group of riders in the Horsemanship discipline. They won 4-1 against the Horned Frogs while Laura Browne, senior in sociology and psychology, was named MVP.

The team will look to pick up their first win after ending in a draw the first match. Lisabeth said against Texas Christian, the team's biggest weakness was the fence riders.

"The rest of the riders were good last weekend," Lisabeth said. "As a team, we will have to be a little bit better than last time."

The team will feature eight riders in exhibition competition with two in the Hunt Seat race. The other races will feature only one rider.

The match is scheduled for a 9 a.m. start Saturday. Admission is free to the public.

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THE EDGE

Going global

K-State students study abroad to gain worldly experiences, college credits

Tiffany Roney
KANSAS STATE COLLEGIAN

To see the world, experience new things, make unforgettable memories – these are the goals of a growing number of K-State students who are choosing to study abroad.

The K-State Study Abroad program was founded in the early 90s. Since then, the program has encouraged and assisted thousands of students to travel out of the country for a summer, a semester or more.

“I’ve always been interested in culture – meeting new people and hearing their stories,” said Ryan Wilkerson, junior in accounting and finance, who traveled to Italy for nine weeks last summer through the study abroad program.

Wilkerson flew to Italy, took two, four-week classes: “History of the Italian Mafia” and “Food and Wine Pairing” – and then spent five weeks traveling across Europe with friends.

“We have some students who have done a lot of traveling in the past, because once you’ve traveled once, you get the ‘travel bug,’ and you want to go somewhere else,” said Lindsey Brubaker, study abroad adviser at the Office of International Programs.

“The students are usually very open-minded and are like, ‘Hey, I want to go wherever it is that sounds interesting and has the courses that I want,’ but we also work with a lot of students who have never been out of Kansas or the United States before,” she said. “Those students are really exciting to work with too, because with them, we’re kind of opening up their eyes to the rest of the world.”

In addition to connecting students with a place and a plan, the study abroad program also provides opportunities for students to continue receiving credits for their major so they can still graduate on time.

“When you’re on the other side of the world, the student body and the professors are going to have a different perspective on pretty much any subject, compared to the views we have here,” Brubaker said. “It gives students a more well-rounded idea of what education is all about. It’s exciting – who wouldn’t want to take a class somewhere else and get to learn from other people all around the world?”

While the experience of studying abroad provides many positive experiences and adventures, Caitie Sanborn, senior in architecture, said the experience of studying abroad includes challenges as well.

“I think we all missed food from home, because in the Czech Republic, you pretty much have goulash a lot and that’s about it,” Sanborn said.

“Also, I’m from Texas, and people there wave at you when you walk across the street,” she said. “Then, coming from Texas to Kansas, people don’t really wave.



And then on the public transportation in Europe, people don’t smile at you and have conversation much. The Czech people are just a different kind of [people].”

Despite the challenges of adapting to a different culture, Sanborn said her trip was a great experience; she enjoyed seeing new places and making friends with students from other countries who were also studying abroad in Prague.

In addition to the benefit of experiencing new things while abroad, Wilkerson said he benefited from the trip by taking back new perspectives he now uses in daily life at K-State.

“I saw the way Italians value family, and I think that’s something we can all learn so much from and really apply to our lives,” he said. “Now, if I ever wanted to work there or interact with more Italian people, I would understand the things that are important to them.”

Both Sanborn and Wilkerson said they would encourage any student who is considering studying abroad to quit worrying about the cost or other issues and start planning their trips.

“Just do it,” Sanborn said with a laugh. “It’s going to be the best decision you’ll make in college. Don’t think about it – just do it.”

For more information, visit k-state.edu/studya-broad/.

Planet Green speaker promotes eco-friendly lifestyles

Environmentalism, fashion model speaks Wednesday to College of Human Ecology

Summer Rayne Oakes, an environmentalist and fashion model, is not only passionate about sustainable fashion and making the environment more eco-friendly, but a role model to many people in the world.

An American outdoor magazine named her one of the top environmental activists of 2007. Her first book, “Style Naturally,” the savvy shopping guide to sustainable fashion and beauty, was launched in December of 2008.

Oakes is a spokesperson for Planet Green, an eco-lifestyle network run by Discovery Communications, a partner at the consulting firm SJR, and “the eco-model” for pushing sustainability issues in fashion and media. She also partnered with Payless ShoeSource to create Zoe&Zac, a more eco-friendly shoe and accessory line made out of organic materials.

Oakes spoke to the College of Human Ecology Wednesday about sustainability and the art and science of good design.

Oakes is not only knowledgeable on various environmental aspects, but an amazing motivational speaker.

“Go out and create yourself, be fearless ... if I did not take a risk, I would probably be doing sewage sludge for the rest of my life,” Oakes said to the

audience.

“Summer Rayne Oakes is not first and foremost a model; she is a scientist and an excellent communicator,” said Ben Champion, K-State director of sustainability. “She is a breath of fresh air for those who do not know about sustainability.”

I agree; never has going green and sustainability been so stunning and interesting.

Oakes was asked, “What is the probability of everything going sustainable?” She responded, “This is not just a trend.”

She even quoted Julie Gilhart from Barneys New York department stores and said, “The fashion industry is not used to seeing movements; they are only used to seeing trends, and this is a movement, and it’s happening across all different industries.”

During my one-on-one interview with Oakes, she began to give me more insight on her views.

Q: What are some of the things people can do if they cannot afford to go completely sustainable?

A: I think it’s easiest to change the things that we do on a daily basis. It could be as ordinary as looking at how we eat, how we dress, how we use energy and how we live our lifestyles. Trying to incorporate exercise such as running, jogging or biking, which not only benefits the environment, but you as an individual. Eating locally instead of eating out, taking shorter showers, using chemical free detergents ... These benefit you and the environment and don’t usually require you buying stuff.

Q: What companies would you recommend for those of us trying to shop more green?

A: I would look at Levi’s. They are one of the coolest companies out there because they are privately owned, they have



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excellent environmental programs, they have a great long-lasting line that has been around forever, and I think they are fantastic. Nike has turned around and become the innovators and front runners on organic purchasing and looking at the carbon footprint. They’ve done a lot to change, which I think is kind of cool. Payless is really cool and affordable, especially on a budget. Also, TOMS Shoes.

Q: What is one piece of advice you could give someone who is striving to become successful?

A: The world does not say no unless you let it. If the front door closes, go to the back door. If it’s locked, go through the window. If the window is locked,

break it! Seize every opportunity, put yourself out there and show initiative. Never see a talent as a handicap; always see it as an opportunity.

Oakes’ final message of not viewing talent as a handicap was confusing at first, but made sense upon further thought. She said if the norm in the fashion industry is to be quiet and reserved, and you are naturally personable and cheerful, don’t see it as a handicap. Instead, embrace it and use it as an opportunity for it to set you apart.

Reyna Lay is a freshman in apparel and textiles. Please send comments to edge@pub.ksu.edu.

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Because the Proud Award is a year-round campaign, a committee meets each week to review applications.

"K-State Hero Awards really go to recognize the unsung heroes at K-State," Swift said. "These are awards for students who not only take classes, but are involved in community service and are the go-to people for other campus and community wide organizations."

Applications and nomination forms for both awards are available on K-State Proud's Web site, k-stateproud.org. Nominations can come from advisors, teachers, administrators or fellow students.

This year's goal for the K-State Proud campaign is \$115,000.

"We're reached our campaign goal each year," Swift said. "This is a testament to the philanthropic nature of the K-State and Manhattan community."

With a minimum \$10 donation students will receive a K-State Proud T-shirt and other perks. They can also nominate others for the awards K-State Proud gives out.

According to the K-State Proud Web site, the campaign has created a tradition over the past three years to wear the K-State Proud T-shirt to the basketball game versus KU to show on national television that K-State students care for each other. Last year the K-State Proud T-shirts were white, and the campaign was dubbed "Blizzard in Bramlage."

Swift said this year the focus will be more geared towards the campaign. K-State Proud will have a week-long campaign leading up to

the K-State vs. Missouri event. T-shirts will be available for a minimum \$10 donation the week leading up to the game, the finale of the K-State Proud events.

This year K-State Proud will include celebratory events, such as the volleyball game. Zeiger said K-State Proud is looking at collaborating with UPC and other organizations outside of sports in the future for more events.

"Saturday at 1 p.m. at the volleyball game, students can wear their black, gray or white K-State Proud T-shirts from past years," Wilkerson said.

The event on Saturday will purely be for awareness about the K-State Proud campaign and awards available to students.

"We're never going to tell people they can't donate, but we're just trying to get the word out this year sooner," Pankratz said. "It's a big game for K-State volleyball anyway, so we're looking to create some hype and support K-State."

Climate change speaker to talk

By Hannah Loftus
KANSAS STATE COLLEGIAN

A lecture on the issues of climate change will be presented to students by K-State's Women's Studies Program. "Soil Not Oil: Food Security in Times of Climate Change" will be presented by Vandana Shiva, a noted environmental activist.

"I think there is a significant increase in the amount of awareness since the release of some major Hollywood films such as Al Gore's 'An Inconvenient Truth,'" said Angela Hubler, director and associate professor of women's studies. "However, I think there needs to be more policy changes, and Dr. Shiva will provide some possible solutions to change our agricultural practices."

Hubler said Shiva will address the global economic conditions, which force poor communities to abandon their biodiverse economies, and how these communities are paying the highest price for climate change. The lecture will also cover some of the more erratic climate change events, like intense droughts, floods, hurricanes and extreme hot and cold waves.

She said Shiva's research focuses on how biodiversity and ecological agriculture are necessary to both reduce carbon dioxide emissions and provide resilience to climate chaos.

"We chose to bring Dr. Shiva to K-State because it gives students an opportunity to hear some important information within the field of women's studies," Hubler said. "We have worked hard to advertise her and we hope she will bring some awareness to issues such as food security and women."

Hubler said Shiva documents how industrial agriculture, the use of chemical intensive and fossil fuels is responsible for large contributions of greenhouse gases.

Shiva has received multiple awards and media spots, including the Right Livelihood Award in 1993, and appeared on National Public Radio's "All Things Considered" and PBS's "NOW with Bill Moyers."

Hubler said this topic is relevant to K-State because of its College of Agriculture and Women's Studies Program. Hubler said she hopes Shiva's presentation fosters conversations between different disciplines and departments at K-State.

The lecture will take place Friday at 7 p.m. in McCain Auditorium and is free and open to the public.

SGA | Bill fails, provision suggested

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removal of an elections commissioner.

Senator Bill Muir, assistant vice president of student life, was quick to write a provision based off the one found in the governing statutes. The provision that was immediately tacked on the bill allows for the removal of the election commissioner with unanimous consent of the senate.

"The hastiness of this amendment [bothered] me," said George Weston, graduate student senator in public administration. "I do not know of many other positions that need unanimous consent."

After the vote on the two bills, the statutes amendment passed while the bylaws amendment failed. As the two were dependent on each other, neither bill could pass alone and therefore they will return to committee.

Rain to play Sunday

By Pauline Kennedy
KANSAS STATE COLLEGIAN

Famed Beatles tribute band, Rain, is set to fill McCain Auditorium with two decades of classic Beatles hits Sunday night at 7:30.

It will be the fifth production in this year's McCain Performance Series.

The show, entitled "Rain: A Tribute to The Beatles," consists of five musicians. Steve Landes, Joey Curatolo, Joe Bithorn and Ralph Castelli make up the famous quartet of John, Paul, George and Ringo. Mark Lewis, the mastermind behind Rain, plays keyboard and percussion.

The concert is coming to McCain in the middle of a Beatles revival. With recent re-mastered recordings and the release of "The Beatles: Rock Band," Rain is expected to attract a variety of audience members.

"The Beatles have such a universal appeal," said Todd Holmberg, execu-

tive director of McCain Auditorium. "It transcends all generations."

Rain has been together since the mid 1970s. They are well-known for their precise attention to detail, recreating every aspect of The Beatles' famous style. They sing and play all parts of the show live.

The tribute will cover everything from The Beatles' famous appearance on "The Ed Sullivan" show to their days on Abbey Road.

"We definitely recommend it for the whole family," said Holmberg.

Tickets start at \$17.50 for students and \$35 for the general public. They can be purchased in the McCain Auditorium box office.

There will also be a McCain Conversation before the show hosted by Steven Maxwell, assistant professor of tuba and euphonium. Maxwell will be discussing the history of rock 'n' roll in McCain Room 204 at 6:30 p.m.


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Sophomore safety **Emmanuel Lamur** tackles Texas Tech wide receiver **Detron Lewis** in a 66-14 loss to the Red Raiders last Saturday. Lamur has started at safety all six games so far this season.

Lamur leads team in tackles, thrives during games

By Ashley Dunkak
KANSAS STATE COLLEGIAN

Those who pay close attention to the K-State football team knew who sophomore safety Emmanuel Lamur was before the Iowa State game. But after his blocked extra point to preserve the 24-23 win at Arrowhead, even more fans know his name.

“I was ecstatic,” said wide receiver Colin Klein. “I was ecstatic for him, I was ecstatic for our team. Just to be able to get out of there and learn the things that we did and still win was really a great thing.”

But as of Tuesday, Lamur still had not seen the highlight.

“I try to stay away from all that media and stuff,” Lamur said. “I never try to make that distract me. I try to stay focused on my work and the next game, really. Staying focused, staying out of trouble.”

While he said nobody instructed him to ignore media and concentrate on playing, he credited his father with teaching him that common sense.

“I have a dad, [and] he taught me how to stay away from trouble and all that,” Lamur said. “But from my own perspective, you just have to be smart in what you do, just staying away from trouble, staying focused, trying to do what’s right.”

That SportsCenter-caliber play was only one of many he has made for the team this season. He currently leads the team with 30 tackles.

At 6-feet-4-inches tall, Lamur takes up a lot of space on the field, making it difficult for opponents to get around him, but he said that size is not his main concern. He said the most important aspect

of a player is how quickly he reacts to the play.

Lamur began playing football when he was 8 years old.

“Everybody in my neighborhood played football,” Lamur said. “It was just that sport. I just love it. It’s a passion. I’m excited every day to play football, period.”

While he participated in different sports in high school, it was all directed toward getting better for football.

“I ran track, but I ran track for football,” Lamur said with a laugh. “Everything I did was based on football.”

A transfer from Independence Community College in West Palm Beach, Fla., Lamur said he is really

enjoying the atmosphere of K-State.

“Just the players around, the people around, the environment are really nice here,” he said. “They respect each other. They treat everybody like brothers and sisters.”

Coach Bill Snyder had good things to say about the sophomore. He said he is a pleasant, focused, competitive young guy.

Snyder also said Lamur had to focus on his play initially because he came into this new environment partway through the summer, and the adjustment takes awhile.

“He’s an outgoing young guy, but not one that tries to tell other people what it is they need to be doing,” Snyder said. “He had to make his way first. He’s made his way on the football field, and now he’s beginning to expand his horizons towards leadership a little bit more.”

Lamur said all the coaches have been great and mentioned the high expectations of defensive line coach Mo Latimore, the

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K-State to try for fourth win vs. Texas A&M Saturday

By Grant Guggisberg
KANSAS STATE COLLEGIAN

Fresh off a lopsided loss to Texas Tech in Lubbock, Texas, last week, the K-State football team returns home to face the Texas A&M Aggies in its first conference home game of the season at 6 p.m. Saturday.

Last season, the game against Texas A&M was one of only two Big 12 Conference victories for the Wildcats. Head coach Bill Snyder said if the Wildcats hope to match last season’s two Big 12 victories this week, they will need to be prepared.

“We need to work on the fundamentals of defense in order to contend with the offenses we are going to face,” Snyder

said. “I think our effort is there, but we need to focus on getting our mistakes cleaned up.”

The Aggies are led by quarterback Jerrod Johnson, who has led the offense with more than 300 yards passing per game this season and presents a tough challenge to the Wildcat defense.

“[Johnson] presents a lot of challenges for us,” Snyder said. “He is putting up some very good numbers, both through the air and on the ground. He is a very dangerous player in both of those aspects. He has the capability to do a lot of positive things. He also has a lot of good players around him.”

Senior defensive end Jeffrey Fitzgerald said that Johnson presents a challenge similar to

Iowa State’s quarterback Austen Arnaud.

“He is similar to the quarterback from Iowa State, but I think he will be a little more athletic, so we have to focus on getting a better pass rush against him,” Fitzgerald said.

Even more important than the defense will be the play of the offense, specifically the player who starts at quarterback. Snyder said earlier this week that picking a starter at quarterback will occur on a week-to-week basis.

“We have to look at the performance of both players during the week and determine what is best for our team,” he said. “I wish that it wasn’t this



Johnathan Knight | COLLEGIAN

Junior wide receiver **Lamark Brown** stiff-arms defender **D.J. Johnson** in a 66-14 loss to Texas Tech last Saturday

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K-State needs to find true identity

In one of the worst performances in K-State football history, the team sputtered in all areas and lost 66-14 to the Texas Tech Red Raiders.

It doesn't seem to matter who's at quarterback for Texas Tech; they always seem to find a way to score big. Unfortunately, K-State quarterbacks have not been nearly as productive.

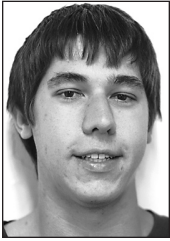
Grant Gregory only had eight passing attempts before Carson Coffman came in and threw for 131 yards on 11 completions. Daniel Thomas struggled to find holes to run through, finishing with 49 yards on the ground.

Texas Tech was led by backup quarterback Steven Sheffield, who threw for 490 yards and seven touchdowns. The Red Raiders accumulated more than 700 yards of total offense.

I wasn't surprised at how well Texas Tech's offense performed, but the amazing stats they finished with are hard to believe. K-State isn't the only team to surrender stats to the Red Raiders. The University of Kansas allowed more than 380 passing yards for Harrell and five touchdowns in the team's 63-21 rout last season.

It's easy to say the defense was the worst part of last weekend's game. The Wildcat defense missed a lot of tackles and couldn't find the right play set to stop the bleeding.

The schedule this week gets a little better for the Wildcats as the team stays home to play the Aggies of Texas A&M. The Aggies are 5-2 with an 0-1 conference record and suffered a 44-30 loss when they met the Wildcats last year in College Station, Texas.



TYLER SCOTT

I think the Wildcats still need to figure out what kind of team they can be. Conference games are some of the toughest games to win, and being in the Big 12 makes it even more of a challenge.

The Wildcats will face one of the toughest quarterbacks they'll see all year. Jerrod Johnson will be under center and has succeeded with 1,579 passing yards and 14 touchdowns with zero interceptions. It will be another passing attack the defense has to contain if they want to win.

I think Gregory will still get the start after leaving the game last week. He will need to find open receivers quick and often. Texas A&M's defense gives up a lot of yards per game, mostly through the air.

K-State currently sits at third in the Big 12 North, ahead of Missouri, Colorado and Iowa State. A win this week would be huge for the team because the struggling Buffaloes come to Bill Snyder Family Stadium next time.

Playing at home will help the team as it is 2-0 in Snyder Family Stadium so far this season. If K-State can produce on offense with yards and points, it should be able to catch up with the Aggies firepower.

I think the Wildcats can win this game with good play from Thomas and Gregory. However, if Thomas struggles to get yards, Gregory will need to look to throw.

K-State should pull out a close 28-24 victory.

Tyler Scott is a junior in mass communications. Please send comments to sports@pub.ksu.edu

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The K-State offense proved again last week it has work to do in order to win games. The inability of either quarterback to sustain long drives that end in touchdowns showed itself in last week's loss to Texas Tech. If Grant Gregory, who is the assumed starter, is ineffective again, it is likely Wildcat fans will see Carson Coffman in the game. Head coach Bill Snyder has said over and over that he will choose the quarterback who he thinks gives the team the best chance to win. The Wildcats will need a big game from running back Daniel Thomas to offset the stagnant passing game.

Texas A&M has been solid on offense all season long. Except for their lopsided loss to Arkansas, the Aggies have scored more than 30 points in every game this season. The offense is another high-scoring passing offense, led by quarterback Jerrod Johnson. Averaging more than 300 yards per game, he is fifth nationally in passing yards per game and has thrown zero interceptions all season. The Aggies under Johnson average 37 points per game and scored 31 in a loss to the Oklahoma State Cowboys last week. It is reasonable to believe that the offense will have success against the Wildcat secondary much like Texas Tech did last week.

The Wildcat defense was torched last week for more than 700 yards in a hapless defeat in Lubbock, Texas. The K-State defense clearly does not match up well with high-scoring passing games, as the secondary was unable to stop Texas Tech. They have their work cut out for them again this week against Texas A&M. While the Aggies will not put up as many points, they will be able to make throws downfield and score points in bunches. If the defense can come up with some big plays and the offense can sustain drives and keep them off the field, the K-State defense will perform much better this week.

The Aggie defense is giving up an average of more than 27 points a game while allowing more than 150 yards on the ground. This is good for K-State, since the biggest offensive weapon for the Wildcats is running back Daniel Thomas. The Aggies secondary has come up with just two interceptions all year long, and the defense has forced 16 sacks on the season, with defensive end Von Miller responsible for nine of those sacks. However, there have been only two sacks in the last two games against Arkansas and Oklahoma State. Texas A&M's defense will come prepared to stop Daniel Thomas and make the Wildcats win through the air.



SPECIAL TEAMS



The K-State special teams have progressed well throughout the season and should continue to get better with experience. The return game will be important with returners Brandon Banks and Tysyn Hartman needing to put the Wildcats in good field position. K-State punters should be good, as the K-State punters got a lot of in-game experience last week.

The Texas A&M special teams have been average all season. The returners have handled the ball well and usually go for around 20 yards on kickoffs and 10 yards on punts. Randy Bullock, the Texas A&M kicker, has gone six for eight on field goals with one blocked attempt and a season-long 50-yard make.

PREDICTION

TEXAS A&M 31, K-STATE 24

Much like the Iowa State game, this matchup could go either way. K-State has had success at home this season, but the team also hasn't played any teams at Snyder Family Stadium that are comparable to the Aggies. If K-State makes plays on offense and the defense

can contain the Aggies' passing attack, the Wildcats have a good chance to win. However, recent history has shown that the offense is not able to put up more than three or four touchdowns each game. That probably will not be enough to beat the high-scoring Aggies.

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TEXAS A&M | Managing clock important against Aggies

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way. I have never been a fan of a two-quarterback system, but whoever practices well that week will be the starter. I don't think that is the best way to do it, but that is the situation that we are faced with right now."

In addition to putting up points, the Wildcat offense will need to sustain long drives and stay on the field to help the defense. If they lose the time of possession battle, like they did last week against Texas Tech, winning becomes even harder.

"We have to help the defense out," said senior running back Keithen Valentine. "The offense has to move the ball and take time off the clock to help out our defense."

Managing the clock will be important, as well as putting points on the board, something the Wildcats have struggled with most of the season. Snyder said that a positive mental attitude will help the team following such a devastating loss.

"This last ballgame was a tremendously poor performance, but I would hate to extract all the progress that was made up to that point," Snyder said. "I think that we need to have a fresh mental attitude going into this week, as well as the rest of the season."

LAMUR | Playing football keeps sophomore safety happy

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detailed breaking down of plays by co-defensive coordinator Vic Koenning and the all-around wisdom of Snyder.

"He's a great coach," Lamur said. "I look up a lot to him. He's like a father. You can talk to him about anything. Not about just football, but anything outside of football, like any problems you're dealing with. He's just a great person to look up to."

All in all, Lamur just loves to play football.

"There [are going to be] highs and lows," he said. "There's going to be adversity. You just have to know how to fight through. Playing football always kept me happy. Even though there'd be hard practices or tough practices, it's just that's the one thing that kept me happy."

"I could be mad one day, but when I'm on the field, I'm just another person."

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